

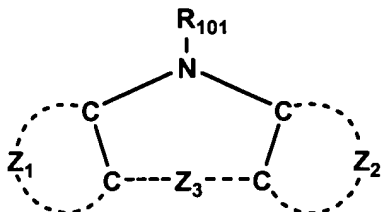
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An organic electroluminescent element comprising a pair of electrodes having therebetween at least one constituting layer containing a phosphorescent light emitting layer, wherein one of the constituting layer contains a compound represented by Formula (1):

Formula (1)



wherein Z₁ represents an aromatic heterocyclic ring which may have a substituent; Z₂ represents an aromatic heterocyclic ring which may have a substituent or an aromatic hydrocarbon ring which may have a substituent; Z₃ represents a divalent linking group or a single bond; and R₁₀₁ represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent , wherein said substituent is selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl

group, an alkenyl group, an alkynyl group, an aryl group, an aromatic heterocyclic group, a heterocyclic group, an alkoxy group, a cyclo alkoxy group, aryloxy group, alkylthio group, cycloalkylthio group, an arylthio group, an alkoxycarbonyl group, an aryloxycarbonyl group, a sulfamoyl group, an acyl group, an acyloxy group, an amido group, a carbamoyl group, an ureido group, a sulfinyl group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an aryl sulfonyl group, an amino group, a halogen atom, a fluoride hydro fluoro carbon group, a cyano group, a nitro group, a hydroxyl group, a mercapto group and a silyl group.

2. (Original) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein Z_1 of the compound represented by Formula (1) is a 6- membered ring.

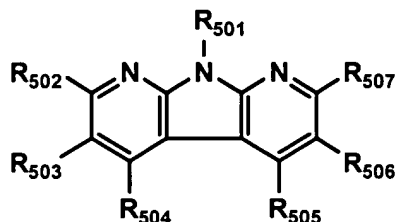
3. (Previously presented) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein Z_2 of the compound represented by Formula (1) is a 6- membered ring.

4. (Previously presented) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein Z_3 of the compound represented by Formula (1) is a single bond.

5. (Previously presented) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) has a molecular weight of 450 or more.

6. (Currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (1-1):

Formula (1-1)



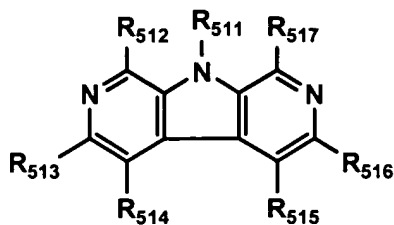
wherein R₅₀₁ - R₅₀₇ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or **[[a]]** said substituent.

7. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound

represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula

(1-2):

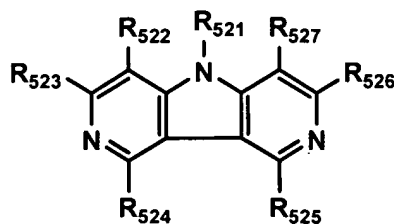
Formula (1-2)



wherein R₅₁₁ - R₅₁₇ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or [[a]] said substituent.

8. (Currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (1-3):

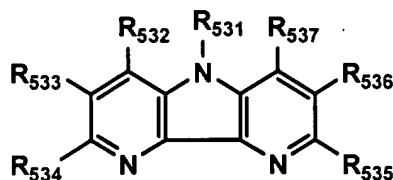
Formula (1-3)



wherein R_{521} - R_{527} each independently represents a hydrogen atom or **[[a]]** said substituent.

9. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (1-4):

Formula (1-4)

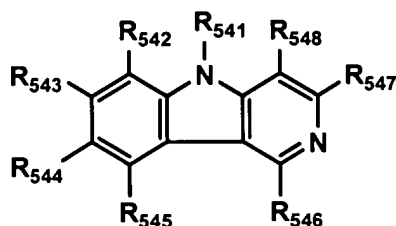


wherein R_{531} - R_{537} each independently represents a hydrogen atom or **[[a]]** said substituent.

10. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula

(1-5):

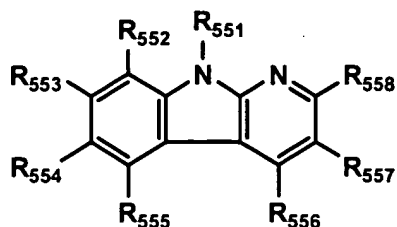
Formula (1-5)



wherein R₅₄₁ - R₅₄₈ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or **[[a]]** said substituent.

11. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (1-6):

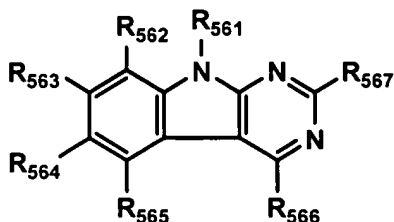
Formula (1-6)



wherein R₅₅₁ - R₅₅₈ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or [[a]] said substituent.

12. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (1-7):

Formula (1-7)

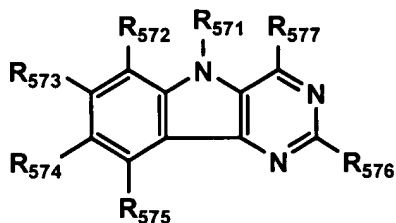


wherein R₅₆₁ - R₅₆₇ each independently represents a

hydrogen atom or **[[a]]** said substituent.

13. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (1-8):

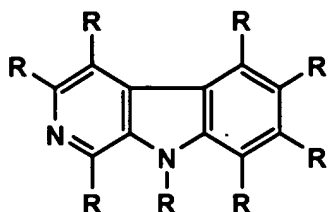
Formula (1-8)



wherein R₅₇₁ - R₅₇₇ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or **[[a]]** said substituent.

14. (Withdrawn) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (1-9):

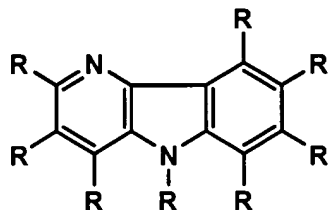
Formula (1-9)



wherein each R represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent and a plurality of R may be the same or may be different from each other.

15. (Withdrawn) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (1-10):

Formula (1-10)



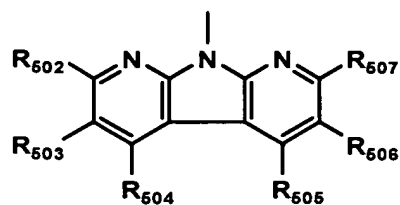
wherein each R represents a hydrogen atom or **[[a]]** said substituent and a plurality of R may be the same or may be different from each other.

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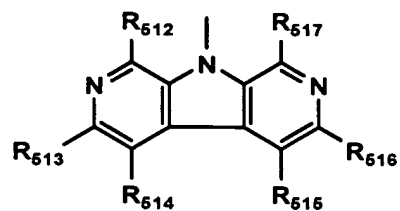
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16. (Currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) has at least one of groups represented by Formulae (2-1) to (2-8):

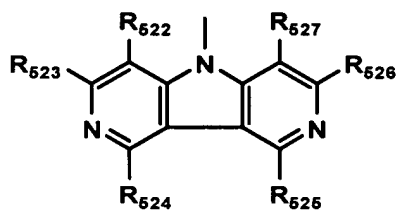
Formula (2-1)



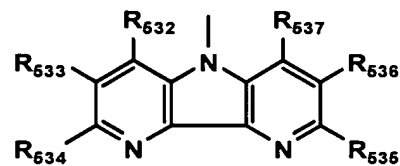
Formula (2-2)



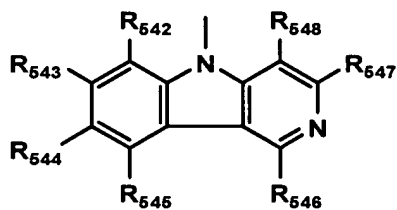
Formula (2-3)



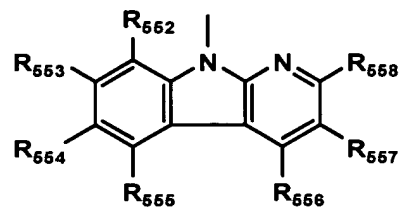
Formula (2-4)



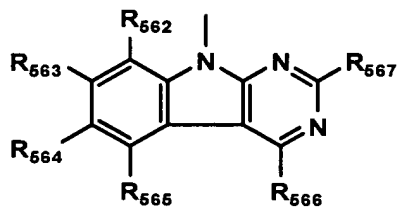
Formula (2-5)



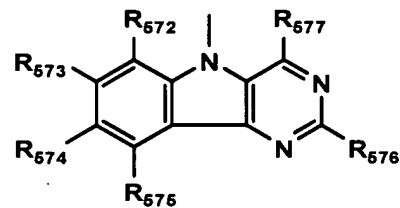
Formula (2-6)



Formula (2-7)



Formula (2-8)



wherein

(a) in Formula (2-1), $R_{502} - R_{507}$ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent;

(b) in Formula (2-2), $R_{512} - R_{517}$ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent;

(c) in Formula (2-3), $R_{522} - R_{527}$ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent;

(d) in Formula (2-4), $R_{532} - R_{537}$ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent;

(e) in Formula (2-5), $R_{542} - R_{548}$ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent;

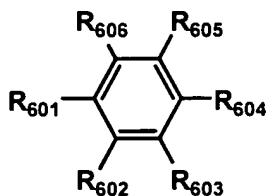
(f) in Formula (2-6), $R_{552} - R_{558}$ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent;

(g) in Formula (2-7), $R_{562} - R_{567}$ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent; and

(h) in Formula (2-8), $R_{572} - R_{577}$ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or **[[a]]** said substituent.

17. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 16, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (3):

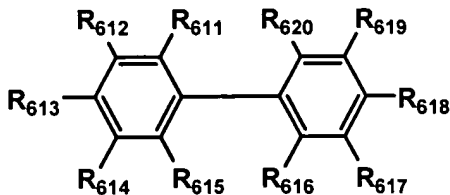
Formula (3)



wherein R_{601} - R_{606} each independently represents a hydrogen atom or **[[a]]** said substituent and at least one of R_{601} - R_{606} is represented by one of Formulae (2-1) to (2-4).

18. (Currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 16, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (4):

Formula (4)

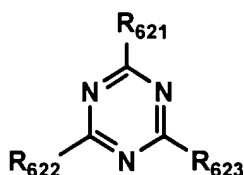


wherein R_{611} - R_{620} each independently represents a hydrogen atom or **[[a]]** said substituent and at least one of

R₆₁₁ - R₆₂₀ is represented by one of Formulae (2-1) to (2-4).

19. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 16, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (5):

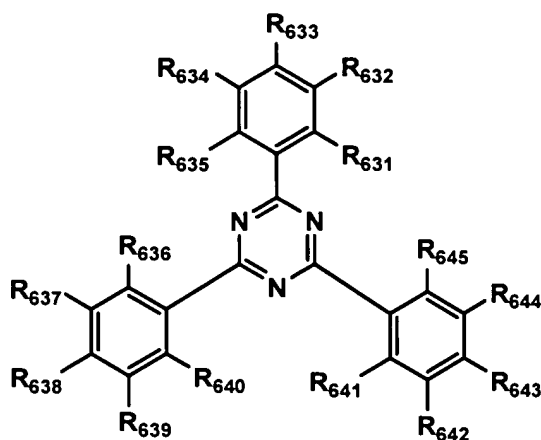
Formula (5)



wherein R₆₂₁ - R₆₂₃ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or **[[a]]** said substituent and at least one of R₆₂₁ - R₆₂₃ is represented by one of Formulae (2-1) to (2-4).

20. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 16, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (6):

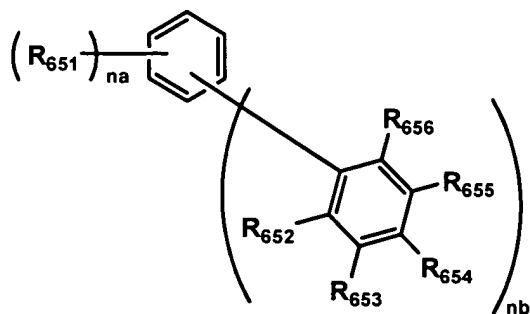
Formula (6)



wherein R₆₃₁ - R₆₄₅ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or **[[a]]** said substituent and at least one of R₆₃₁ - R₆₄₅ is represented by one of Formulae (2-1) to (2-4).

21. (Currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 16, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (7):

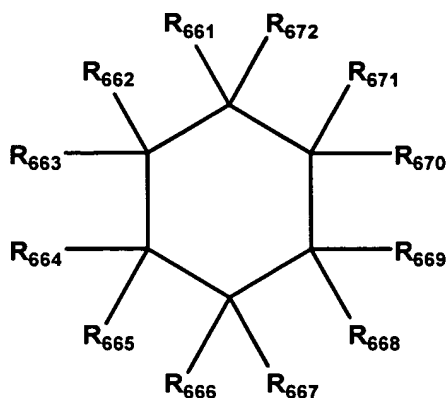
Formula (7)



wherein R_{651} - R_{656} each independently represents a hydrogen atom or **[[a]]** said substituent and at least one of R_{651} - R_{656} is represented by one of Formulae (2-1) to (2-4); na represents an integer of 0 to 5; and nb represents an integer of 1 to 6, provided that a sum of na and nb is 6.

22. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 16, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (8):

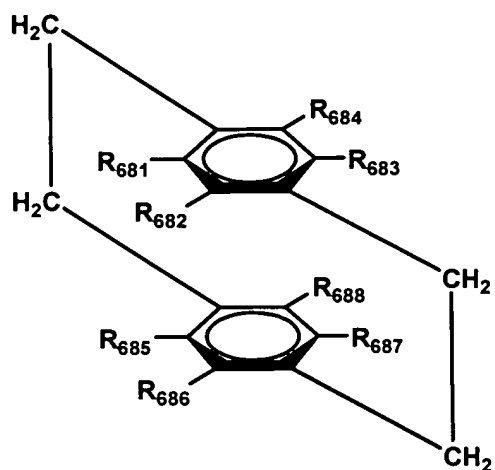
Formula (8)



wherein R₆₆₁ - R₆₇₂ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or **[[a]]** said substituent and at least one of R₆₆₁ - R₆₇₂ is represented by one of Formulae (2-1) to (2-4).

23. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 16, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (9):

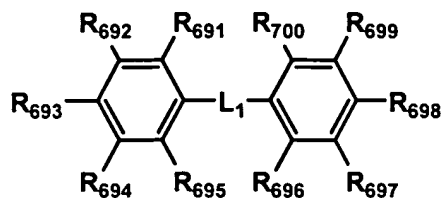
Formula (9)



wherein R₆₈₁ - R₆₈₈ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or **[[a]]** said substituent and at least one of R₆₈₁ - R₆₈₈ is represented by one of Formulae (2-1) to (2-4).

24. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 16, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (10):

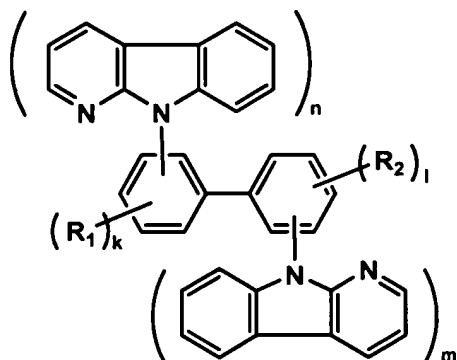
Formula (10)



wherein R₆₉₁ - R₇₀₀ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or **[[a]]** said substituent and at least one of R₆₉₁ - R₇₀₀ is represented by one of Formulae (2-1) to (2-4); and L₁ represents a divalent linking group.

25. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (11):

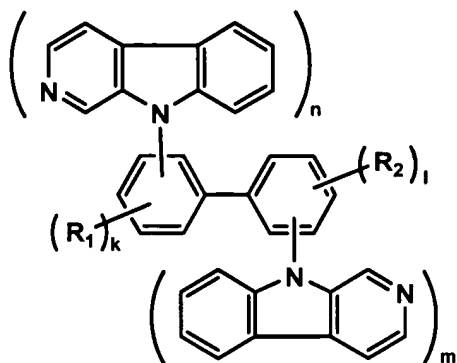
Formula (11)



wherein R₁ and R₂ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or [[a]] said substituent; n and m each represents an integer of 1 to 2; and k and l each represents an integer of 3 to 4, provided that n + k = 5 and l + m = 5.

26. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (12):

Formula (12)

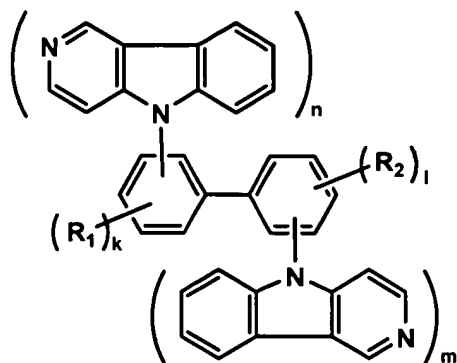


wherein R_1 and R_2 each independently represents a hydrogen atom or [[a]] said substituent; n and m each represents an integer of 1 to 2; and k and l each represents an integer of 3 to 4, provided that $n + k = 5$ and $l + m = 5$.

27. (Withdrawn - currently amended)

The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (13):

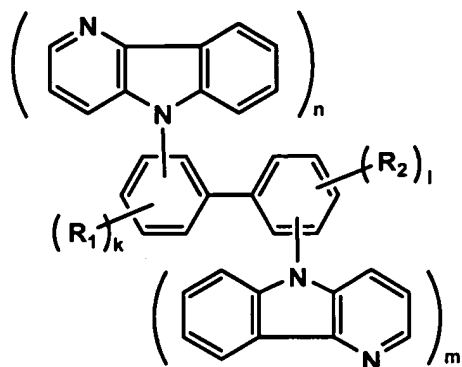
Formula (13)



wherein R_1 and R_2 each independently represents a hydrogen atom or [[a]] said substituent; n and m each represents an integer of 1 to 2; and k and l each represents an integer of 3 to 4, provided that $n + k = 5$ and $l + m = 5$.

28. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (14):

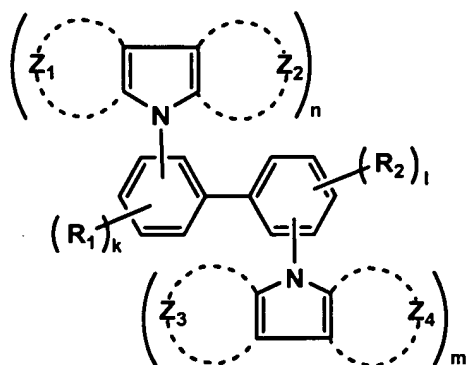
Formula (14)



wherein R₁ and R₂ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or [[a]] said substituent; n and m each represents an integer of 1 to 2; and k and l each represents an integer of 3 to 4, provided that n + k = 5 and l + m = 5.

29. (Currently amended) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (15):

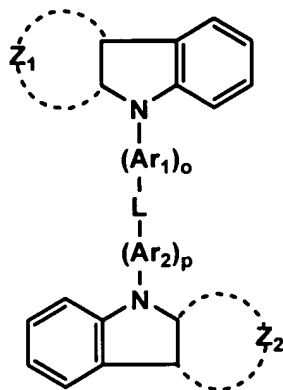
Formula (15)



wherein R_1 and R_2 each independently represents a hydrogen atom or [[a]] said substituent; n and m each represents an integer of 1 to 2; k and l each represents an integer of 3 to 4, provided that $n + k = 5$ and $l + m = 5$; and Z_1 , Z_2 , Z_3 and Z_4 each represent a 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic ring containing a nitrogen atom.

30. (Withdrawn) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (16):

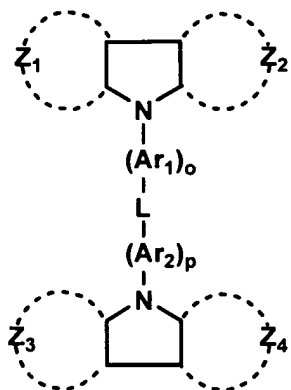
Formula (16)



wherein o and p each represents an integer of 1 to 3;
 Ar_1 and Ar_2 each represents an arylene group or a divalent aromatic heterocyclic group; Z_1 and Z_2 each represents a 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic ring containing a nitrogen atom; and L represents a divalent linking group.

31. (Withdrawn) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) is further represented by Formula (17):

Formula (17)



wherein o and p each represents an integer of 1 to 3;
 Ar₁ and Ar₂ each represents an arylene group or a divalent aromatic heterocyclic group; Z₁, Z₂, Z₃ and Z₄ each represents a 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic ring containing a nitrogen atom; and L represents a divalent linking group.

32. (Previously presented) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein the light emitting layer contains the compound represented by Formula (1).

33. (Previously presented) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1, wherein at least one of the constituting layers is a hole blocking layer and the hole blocking layer contains the compound represented by Formula (1).

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34. (Previously presented) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1 which emits blue light.

35. (Previously presented) The organic electroluminescent element of claim 1 which emits white light.

36. (Previously presented) A display device having the organic electroluminescent element of claim 1.

Claims 37-63 (Canceled).